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Re Application of:

Jim Mao, et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus For Egress
Channel Architecture That Supports
Protection Within SONET/SDH
Based Networks

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, Applicants
respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following remarks.